CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A computer system, comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a communication port through which the computer can communicate with a remote

4   network;

5   an input device coupled to said processor; and

6   a location module coupled to said processor;

7   wherein said processor receives a signal from the location module to determine the location

8   of the computer relative to a plurality of pre-programmed location areas and,

9   invokes an operating mode for said computer based on the location area in which

10   the computer is located.

1   2.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said location module includes using a

2   geosynchronous positioning system receiver.

1   3.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said location module includes using a low earth

2   orbit satellite receiver.

1   4.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said location module includes using a cellular

2   telephone transceiver.

1   5.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said operating mode includes precluding access to

2   the remote network.

1   6.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said operating mode includes permitting access to
2   the remote network, but with limited access privileges.

1   7.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said operating mode includes permitting access to
2   the remote network, but the computer cannot run at least one application running on said remote
3   network.

1   8.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said operating mode includes permitting access to
2   the remote network, but the computer cannot access at least one data set stored on said remote
3   network.

1   9.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of location areas has an
2   associated operating mode and at least two of said operating modes differs.

1   10.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said location areas includes a first location area
2   and a second location, and said first location area has a first operating mode and said second
3   location area has a second a operating mode, said first operating permits full access to a remote
4   network and said second operating mode permits only limited access to said remote network.

1   11.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said location areas includes six location areas
2   each having its own operating mode.

1   12.   The computer system of claim 1 wherein said operating mode includes restrictions on the

2   operation of the computer system itself.

1   13.   A method of providing security for a computer, comprising:

2   (a) determining the location of the computer;

3   (b) comparing the location determined in (a) against a plurality of location areas;

4   (c) determining in which location area the computer is located; and

5   (d) invoking an operating mode preset for the location area determined in (c).

1   14.   The method of claim 13 wherein (a) includes using a geosynchronous positioning system

2   receiver.

1   15.   The method of claim 13 wherein (a) includes using a low earth orbit satellite receiver.

1   16.   The method of claim 13 wherein (a) includes using a cellular telephone transceiver.

1   17.   The method of claim 13 wherein said operating mode includes precluding access to a

2   remote network.

1   18.   The method of claim 13 wherein said operating mode includes permitting access to a

2   remote network, but with limited access privileges.

1 19. The method of claim 13 wherein said operating mode includes permitting access to a
2 remote network, but the computer cannot run at least one application running on said remote
3 network.

1 20. The method of claim 13 wherein said operating mode includes permitting access to a
2 remote network, but the computer cannot access at least one data set stored on said remote
3 network.

1 21. The method of claim 13 wherein each of said plurality of location areas has an associated
2 operating mode and at least two of said operating modes differs.

1 22. The method of claim 13 wherein said location areas includes a first location area and a
2 second location, and said first location area has a first operatingmode and said second location area
3 has a second operating mode, said first operating mode permits full access to a remote network and
4 said second operatingmode permits only limited access to said remote network.

1 23. The method of claim 13 wherein said location areas includes six location areas each having
2 its own operating mode.

1 24. The method of claim 13 wherein said operating mode restricts operation of the computer.